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Rules and Regulations for an Association or Society of a number of the inhabitants of the town of Boston, who have agreed to meet together for the purpose here after mentioned vizt; -----

For aiding and assisting the civil magistrates in the legal execution of their office, - and for the supporting the other Officers of the town in their duty, &c &c -----

For discouraging by using every means in their power to prevent monopolizing extortion & oppression, & every other pernicious practice and vice among the inhabitants, and for consulting and considering of any matter or thing that may be for the Generall good & welfare of y^e town, and that order may be observed in said association the following 13 Articles are agreed upon, vizt. -----

"1." That the Said Association shall be called by the name of the Free and Independent Whig Society of Observation

"2." That it shall consist of 45 members and no more unless two thirds of the whole number shall agree to enlarge it. -----

"3." That no person shall be admitted without a unanimous vote, and that the choice shall be made by Ballots, -----

"4." That the society shall meet on the evening of the first Monday in each ^{month}, and upon application from any five of the members to the Clerk to have a special meeting called, the Clerk shall take care that the members are warned to meet,

"5." That a moderator be chosen at each meeting, whose business shall be to regulate the meeting and keep order, & no member to speak upon any matter without addressing the moderator, nor to speak more than twice upon the same subject, without leave obtained from the moderator,

"6." That a treasurer and Clerk shall be annually chosen by ballot, and shall have a majority of the votes to make a choice. The Clerk's business shall be to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the society, and before any vote ~~any~~ ^{is} entered on the records, the same shall be reduced to writing, read and approved of, and the record book shall be at our monthly meeting, to lay open for the inspection of any of y^r. members and the treasurer's business shall be to receive the money from the members and discharge the expence of y^r. ~~society~~ ^{the society}, keeping a fair acct. of the same & to lay it before the society every three months, &c &c

"7." That if any of the members are in private conversation upon the moderator giving the word, (Order) they shall immediately be silent, on pain or penalty of what shall fall thereon,

- "8." That in order to defray the expences of the meetings of this society each member at the time of his being admitted shall pay to the treasurer eighteen shillings and six shillings on each monthly meeting afterwards,
- "9." That none of the debates or transactions of the society be made known to any person except to an absent member,
- "10." That no matter of a public nature be determined upon unless a majority of the whole association agree to it,
- "11." That if any member should behave in such a manner as to counteract the good design of this association, he shall be expelled the same,
- "12." That in case of the absence of any member 3 months successively without sufficient excuse, to be determined by the society such delinquent member shall be expelled the society, &c.
- "13." That every member shall pay his dollar & month altho' he be absent from the monthly meetings.

Boston June 25th 1778.

We the subscribers do agree strictly to abide by and support the above agreement, and comply

with the said Rules & Regulations in testimony whereof we do sett our hands, &c, &c, &c,

x. p. x	John Ballard	x. p. x	Edward Green
x. p. x	Philip Freeman	x. p. x	Edward Porter
x. p. x	Robert Gardner	x. p. x	John Lowell
x. p. x	Nicholas Tall	x. p. x	Jeffrey Richardson
x. p. x	William McNeill	x. p. x	John McNeill
x. p. x	John Hennessey	x. p. x	John Hennessey
x. p. x	Benj. Adworth	x. p. x	Nath. Noyes
x. p. x	Wm. Robisher	x. p. x	Richard Hennessey
x. p. x	Benj. Edes	x. p. x	Thomas Uram
x. p. x	John Richardson	x. p. x	John Edes
x. p. x	Jacob Rhoades	x. p. x	Sam. Suggles
x. p. x	Thos. Walley	x. p. x	Benj. White
x. p. x	Joseph Shedd	x. p. x	James Hennessey
x. p. x	Joseph Lovering	x. p. x	Wm. Hennessey
x. p. x	John Whittow	x. p. x	Moses Grant
x. p. x	George Mather	x. p. x	James Goodridge
x. p. x	Joseph Hennessey	x. p. x	James Goodridge
x. p. x	John Hullerton	x. p. x	Thomas Melville
x. p. x	Adam Collon	x. p. x	John Kneeland
x. p. x	Daniel Ingerson	x. p. x	John Furness
x. p. x	Robt. Hennessey	x. p. x	Chris. Clark

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Boston June 25th 1778

Att a full meeting of the association of the free and independent
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, that rules and regulations are approved off, and order
to be recorded,

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for 4 months

Voted, Thomas Walley Esq^r be treasure for this year

Voted, Edward Green be secretary for this year

Voted, that a book for the records, be purchase and charg;
in the Act, of expence

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to 4th 6 July at 8 in ^{the} evening

Boston 6th July 1778

Att a full meeting of the association of the free and independent
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for 4 months

Voted, that Mess^{rs} Ballard, Walley, & Green be a
committee, to wait upon M^r Kennedy and agree
with him for room, fire & candles and report

Voted to adjourn to the 13th Inst; at 8 in the evening

Boston July 13th 1778

Att a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, to adjourn till 3 Aug; hav; nothing partic; to lay before the society

Boston August 3rd 1778

Att a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of Observation, met at y: Hall of Justice

Voted, Deacon Freeman moderator for the Month

Voted, to adjourn to 6th Inst; & then to y: 16th Inst; & then to y: 28th Inst; and contin; adjourn; from time to time to the 5th Octob; hav; nothing particular to lay before the meeting

Boston Octob; 5th 1778

Voted, att a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice that Deacon Freeman contin; moderator for this month &c

Voted, in Mess^{rs} E. Procter, J. Lowell, A. Noyce, A. Wilson, Jeff^{ry} Richardson, R. Hurrewell

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Voted to adjourn to the 12th Inst; at 7 in the evening,

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of Observation met at 7; Hall of Justice ---

Voted Messrs; Walley, Green, & Edes be a committee to
see the instructions to the Boston Representatives are
published in the Boston News Papers -----

Voted Messrs; Procter, Ballard, Lowell, Freeman and
Collson be a committee to inquire into the
conduct of our representatives and report. -----

Voted to adjourn to the 15th Inst; at 7 in the evening ---

Boston 15th October 1778 ---

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, that the conduct of our representatives be referred;
over to the November meeting and to adjourn
to the 2 November at 7 in the evening ---

Boston 2 November 1778 ---

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted Thomas Walley Moderator for this month,

Voted, Mess^{rs} Waller, Noyce, & Lowell be a committee to draw up a petiⁿ for calling a town meeting, to call the committee of correspondence to A^ct; and know what they have done about the torrys that have dare to return to town with or without leave.

Voted to adjourn to the 10th Inst; at 6 in the evening,

Boston 10 November 1778.

At a full meeting of the association of free & independ^t; whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Mess^{rs} Ballard, Edes, & Cudworth be a committee to complete a petiⁿ before the town meeting

Voted to adjourn to the evening before y^e meeting

Voted that each member be desired to attend y^e meeting & take y^e part assign; him, viz;

Voted, General Hancock, Deacon Davis, N. Noyce Thomas Waller, W^m Cooper, May^r Procter & Bro: Price, be putt up at the meeting for a committee to draw up resoluⁿs; respecting the return of torrys, and such other matter as may come before S: committee if choos^d;
 NB-- Deacon Sharp and Ballard to be putt up in case any of the above should not be choos^d.

Voted to adjourn to y: 6 December at 6 in e: evening

Boston 6th December 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, M^r: Benj: Edes Moderator for this month

Voted, M^{rs}: W^m: Horkins, Moser Lyand, John Gade,
Benj: White, Simeon Elliot, Samuel Buggler,
in as members of the society.

Voted, That the association be called by the name of
the free and Independent whig society of observ-
=ation,

Voted that a committee of 5 be choose to agree wth some
person for a room fire and candles and report
at our next meeting, and M^{rs}: Walley, Edes
Lovering, Freeman and Shes were appointed,
Voted to adjourn till the 14th Inst, at 6 O'clock P, M,

Boston 14th December 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent
whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted that the committee report, which report was
approved off, and was order; to be recorded, over

Your committee appointed to agree with some person for a room fire and candles &c, &c, do report as follows.

That they after making such enquiry, as they thought necessary, finally agree'd with the Wid: Fadree, for a large room, for the association to meet in as often as they shall see fit, they paying each evening they occupy the same 36^s Lawful Money for the use of said room chairs 2 fires & 4 Candles, till the 1st May next, and that they shall not be oblig'd to call for any liquors &c, and your committee upon considering what will be the most prudent measure for the association to adopt at their meeting would recommend to them, viz: Not to have any pipes Tobacco or Liquor, brought into the room, till the business of the evening is completed, and then the meeting to be adjourned, and every member be at liberty to depart, who think proper.

And Those who choose it may tarry and call for what they please and club for the same, but that it shall not be at the expence of the association, and that the Treasurer be directed not to spend any part of what he collects each month, for the association, except pay^d for the room fire and candles &c, unless he is order'd to do it by a maj^r part of the association.

All which is submitted by y^r committee

J. Walley Chairman

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Voted, That Messrs. Kennedy and Fullerton be
directed to commit to writing what pass: between
Justice Jo. Greenleaf and the ... williams who
were before him the other day for picking his &
others pocket in the street, &c and report at
our next meeting, in order to act thereon &c &c,
Voted to adjourn to the 4 Jan^y 1779, at 6 in ^{ey}: evening

Boston January 4. 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig
society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Mr. Samuel Ruggles Moderator for ^{ey} month

Voted, to adjourn to the 11 Inst; at 6 O'clock in ^{ey}: evening

Boston 11 January 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig
society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, to choose a committee of 3 to wait upon Mr.
Jenkins to inquire who has flour to sell and
what quantity; and Messrs. Frobisher, Shed &
Makepeace were accord^y choose a committee
to wait upon Mr. Jenkins and report who
reported he did not know &c &c
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Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to draw a petiⁿ
for calling a town meeting and Mess^{rs}
Walley, Noyce and Buggles were choose

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town
meeting at y^e Hall of Justice at 6 O'clock PM

Boston January 19, 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig
society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, the association upon the adjournment do
adjourn to the Old Hall at M^r Kennedys at
6, in the evening.

Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to treat with M^r
John Kennedy for his room fire and candle,
and Mess^{rs} Walley, Freeman & Noyce were
accordingly choose.

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town
meeting, after their next adjournment,
when ever it may be fel

Boston Jan^y 26th 1779 ²

At a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society, of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, to gett the town meeting adjourn; till some time next week, and the committee are desired to attend the meeting to morrow,

Voted, to gett the towns committee of sewers contin; in case it should be movd, to have them dism; from any futh, service &c, &c,

Voted, to allow Mr; Kennedy Thirty shillings for the use of his room fire candles and chairs each evening the association improve the same &c.

Voted, to adjourn to the first of Febu^y at 6 in y; eveng;

Boston 1st February 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of observation met at y^e Hall of Justice,

Voted, Cott; Edward Procter Moderator for this month of February &c, &c,

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Voted, Cott; Procter, Dot; Noyce, Capt; Ballard,
Capt; Wilson, Miss, Lowell, Shed, Hurrewell,
be a committee to inquire into the conduct
of our Representatives, and report from time
to time till the new choose in May next,

Voted, That Mess^{rs} Kennedy and Fullerton be
desired to commit, to writing what passed
between Justice Jos. Greenleaf and the
villians who were before him some time
ago, for picking his and others pockets in
the streets, and report at our next meeting,

Voted, Mess^{rs} Walley, Edes, Lowell, Procter and
Gudworth, be a committee to meet once a
week, and report to the grand body on their
monthly meetings, &c &c

Voted, To have the list called the first Monday
in the even^g of each month, and mark
those who are absent, in order to comply
with rules of the society,
and found the follow^g members absent vizt,
Mess^{rs} Gardner, Tabb, Rhoades, Makepeace
Porter, Sharp, M^r Lance, Ruggles, Peirce,

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Voted, Mess^{rs}; James Gutrage, & Tho^s; Tibertone,
in as members of the society) -----

Voted, to adjourn the association to the first mond^y
evening in March next, at 6 in the evening
at the Hall of Justice, and that y^e committee
of five be adjourn^d; till Thursday y^e 11. Inst^d, &
on each Thursday till our march meeting,
at which time y^e committee are to report &c.,

Boston March 1st 1779.

At a full meeting of association of the free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Capt^t; Wilson Moder^r; for y^e Month of March

Voted, Capt^t; Wilson, Ruggles, Foster, Grant, & Noyes,
a sub committee to meet once week thro' y^e month

Voted, the sub committee for the time to come be
taken from the list, beginning with y^e first
man, and go thro' y^e whole chur^{ch} 5 men
each month &c &c -----

Voted, The sub committee leave at all times to call
in any of the association to act with them &c

Voted, to call the list every month, if meeting and record the absent members, and the following is a list of the absent members viz,
Deacon Sharp, Deacon Gardner, G. Makepeace,
J. Rhoades, Ingersoll, M^c Lane, Hoshins, White,
Cott, Procter and J Lowell

Voted, to adjourn to the 5th Inst;

Boston 5 March 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at y^e Hall of Justice

Voted, that the list for Abscissors, and for the committee of correspondent, be put up, and all y^e others be omitted,

Voted, that E. Green, A. Collson and N. Noyer be a committee to write votes for the committee of correspondent.

Voted, that S. Ruggles, A. Wilson, & J. Wallery, be a committee to write votes for the Abscissors, ~

Voted, to adjourn to y^e first monday even, in April

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Boston 5, April 1779.

Att. a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, to oppress y: sale of y: hands upon y: neck — and that the follow: list of informers be put up viz: Deacon Davis, D: Parker Am: Davis Ellis Gray, J. Barrell, S. Barrell, C. Payne, J. Winthrop, S. Brick, S. Reed, N. Soames W: Powell, and they were accordingly voted in by y: town as informers to the Assessors.

Voted, M: Adam Colson Moderator for y: Month

Voted, that the sub committee do not meet ~~nowhere~~ once a week, unless something particular should turn up, — — — —

Voted to call the list and record the absent members viz: R. Gardner, N. Tabb, W: M: Neil, B. Cudworth, Jacob Broades, G. Makepeace, G. Sharp, D. Ingersol, Edw: Procter, J. Lowell, J. M: Lane, R. Hunsell, J. Cade, B. White, J. Peirce, J. Goodridge, &c &c —

Voted, Mess: Waller, Cdes, Colson, Suggles, Ballard Lowell, Sharp, Noyce, Willson, Green a committee to meet on the 12th Inst; to which time y: committee is adjourn; — — — —

Boston 12 April 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice
Voted to put up The Hon^{ble} Sam^l Adams, John Hancock
Caleb Davis, Tho^s Waller, Tho^s Dawes, ^{with} ~~as~~ ^{is} for
Representatives for this year, who were put up &
voted in according

Voted the whole of the association to meet at the Green
Dragon the even^g before the May meeting
and each member to carry one or more friends
to the meeting, such friends as he can depend
upon &c,

Voted Mess Ballard, Edes, & Utram be a committee to
engage the green Dragon for y^e even^g before the
next meeting, and then adjourn to the first
monday even^g in May,

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Boston 3^d May 1779

Voted Deacon Sharp Moderator for the Month

Voted to call the list and mark down all the absent
members w^h are as follows viz; -
N. Tabb, Lj. Makepeace, R. Weyer, Edw. Procter,
J. Lowell, J. Mc. Lane, R. Humewell, J. Cade,
and then adjourn to the first Monday even^g in
the month June

Boston June 7. 1779. (2)

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, Do^r; Nath^l; Noyce Moder; for this month,

Voted to put off the choice of Treasure & Clerks till our
next month, & meeting &c -----

Voted to call the list and record the absent members
viz; Will^m; Forbisher, Geo: Makepeace, D: Ingersol
Edward Procter, John Lowell, Jeff^r; Richardson
Rich: Hunnewell, John Cade, Benj^m; White and
Isaac Peirce, -----

Voted, The follow^g; Gent^l; a committee to draw up a plan
to conduct the people, in the paths of their duty
and keep good order &c &c, viz; -----
Thos; Walley, E Green, N. Noyce, S. Buggles, Sim^l;
Elliot, A Collson, J Ballard, M Grant, are the
committee for the above purpose -----

Voted Mess^{rs}; Eder & Noyce be desir^d; to wait upon Mr
N: Peirce, to inquire into ^h report of Jonathan
Amroy demand^g hard money for Rent &c
and Mess^{rs}; Walley and Collson be desired to
wait upon Mr: Boyles to inquire into the report
of Capt^l; Erving demand^g hard money for his
rent &c &c -----

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Voted Mess^{rs} Lovering and Foster be desired to call upon Mr Adams and Pope, and inquire into the report, of Thos Amory demand, y^e Hard money for Rent &c

Mess^{rs} Kennedy and Shed be desired to wait upon Thos Waldo and inquire into y^e report of Will^m Dennie order, S^r Waldo to take nothing but hard money for his Molasses stor^y in said Waldo's Store &c &c and upon David Spear about the Nantuck molasses who has orders to sell for nothing but hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 15 June 1779

At a full meeting association of the free and independent whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice (upon the above adjournment).

Voted to call a body meeting to morrow morning at 9 o'clock to meet at the Old South &c

Voted, John Brown Esq^r to be moderator of y^e meeting who was accordingly choole at the meeting of the people

Voted to have a committee of 13 Gent^l to consult & determine what steps shall be taken to

save the Town and State from destruction, by those
villians among us, employ; (George 4:3) for the
express purpose of ruin: our currency, and all
other ways employ: in the service of his and their old
friend and master the (Devil) against all honest
men who discover any manly determination; to support
the Congress and Independence of America —
the following Gent: were agree, upon to be put
up at the meeting of the people with
John Rowe, Wm Cooper, Wm Hopkins, Alex: Wilson,
Sam: Ruggles, Nath: Hoyce, Is: Phillips, Thos: Melvil,
Dea: Sharp, Hen: Prentiss, Edw: Procter, Gus: Fellows
and Capt: John Pulling who were according; choose
at the meeting of the people —

Voted, That Hon^{ble} Peter Fagan Esq, be desired to put
up the hand Bill and sound the alarm to
call the people together to morrow morning at
9 O'clock on the floor of the Old South meeting

Voted, Maj: Thomas Melvill in as a member of
the Association —

Voted to adjourn to the 24th Inst; at 7 O'clock —

Boston June 24th 1779

At the meeting of the Association of the free & independent
whig society, of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted a committee be choose to draw up some rules
and directions, as a line of conduct, for carry^{ing}
into execution, the voice of the people and
the following were choose for y^e purpose viz^t
Thomas Waller, Edward Green, J^r. Ballard,
John Lowell, Berry, Eder &c to meet at Mr
O'connors to morrow even^g at 7 O'clock —
and that the whole body be warn^d to meet
next monday even^g at the Hall of Justice, —

Voted that a body meeting be called to chuse a comm^{tee}
to go to Concord, and at our next month^{ly} meet^g
to determine upon some direction for y^e committee
of 13 &c &c &c —

Voted Mess^{rs}. Green, Eder, & Waller be a committee to
wait upon The Hon^{ble} S^r. Adams, to invite him
to spend an even^g at the Hall of Justice,
and y^e above committee to make such provisi^{ons}
for the company as may judge fitt —

Voted the above committee wait upon Mr^r. G^l. Tyler
to inquire abt^t S^r. Reed offer^{ing} 30 for 1 for Hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 5 July at 6 O'clock in y^e even^g.

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Boston 5 July 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and
independant whig society of Observation, met at the
Hall of Justice

Voted Deacon Nick, Tabb Moderator for y^e Month

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members viz

Mr. Richardson, J. Rhoades, J. Whitten, H. Foster,
G. Makepeace, G. Sharp, A. Collson, E. Procter,
J. Lowell, J. Richardson, J. Cade, B. White,
J. Goodridge, S. Elliot

Voted Benjamin Edes Esq; Lord High Treasur^r,
Edward Green Secer^y;

Voted to have a committee of 7 choose at the next
town meeting to meet at Concord, and agree;
upon the following list viz;

Thos. Waller, Stepl. Higginson, Sam^l. Barrett,
Am. Davis, Ellis Gray, Samuel Buggles, &
Capt. John Ballard

who were accord^d choose at the meeting,

Voted Mess^{rs} Green, Edes, Grant, Horkins, Noyce &
Frobisher a committee to write votes for y^e above
purpose and then adjourn, to the first Monday
even^g in August at 7 O'clock.

Boston 2 August 1779

All a full meeting of the Association of the free and independant whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Will^m Frobisher Esq; Moderator

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members viz: R. Gardner, B. Cudworth, G. Makepeace, J. Rhoades, H. Foster, C. Procter, An^d Lowell, R. Hunnewell, J. Uranin, J. Cade, B. White, J. Elliot, Moses Grant,

Voted, to adjourn to the first Monday Evening in September at 7 O. clock

Boston 4 Septemb^r; 1779

All a full meeting of the Association of the free & independant whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted William Hoising Esq; Moderator, &c

Voted Hop; Porter out of the Association

Voted to reserve y^e month^l settlement near Mon,

Voted the Ballance in M^r Waller's hand be paid into the hands of the new Treas^r

Voted to adjourn to the 4, October near

Boston 4th October 1779, 33

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and independant; whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Benj^a White Esq; moderator.

Voted, Tho^s Walley Esq; Ac^t were satisfied; and all proceedings on S; Ac^t be put off till the next month; and the Ballance of £37.11/ be paid into the hands of y^e new Treas^r with all the out stand^g debts &c.

Voted, Benj^a Cudworth out of the Association.

Voted, to record the absent members viz,

N: Tabb, J: Kennedy, B: Cudworth, J: Rhoades, R: Wyer, J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, M: Grant, J: M: Lane, B: Hurrewell, W^m Horkins, S: Elliot, J: Goodridge, T: Melvell.

Voted M^r John Kneeland in as a member

Voted, to adjourn to the 1 November 1779

Boston 1 November 1779

Att a full meeting of the Association of the free
and independant whig society of Observation
met at the Hall of Justice

Voted John Whitten Esq; moderator, ---

Voted to record the absent members viz,
R. Gardner, N. Tabb, W.^m M.^c Neal, J. Rhoades,
J. Makepeace, G. Sharp, J. Fullerton, R. Wyer
E. Procter, J. Lowell, J. Cade, S. Ruggles, B. White
J. Peerce, W.^m Horkins, M. Grant, S. Elliot,

Voted M.^c John Turnaff in as a member
M.^c Christ; Clerk in as a member

Voted Mess; Walley, Edes, Melvill, & Royce
as a committee to agree with M.^c Fox & Ned
for his room fire & candles & reports ---

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday evening
in December

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Boston 6 December 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free
and independant whig society of Observation met
at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Adam Collson Esq; Moderator,

Voted, The fund of the society now in stock be
expended in genteel supper at our next
month's meeting, new years week

Voted Mess^{rs} Furness Hoshins & Edes a Committee
to treat with Jos: Shed, to provide a room
for Candles & Supper &c, for the society,

Voted to record the absent members viz,
N: Tabb, S: Elliot, B: White, J: Peirce, J: Kennedy,
J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, Rob: Wyer,
J: M: Lane, R: Humneiwell, M: Grant, Tho: Melwell,
C: Clark, J: Ballard, R: Gardner, W: Frobisher,
Jn: Richardson, Jn: Whitten, G: Sharp, E: Procter,
J: Cade, S: Buggles,

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in Janu^y 1780

Boston 3rd Jan^y, 1780.

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and independant Whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted Robert Wyer Esq; Moderator for 4th month

Voted to record the absent members viz, —
 Mr. Ballard, P. Freeman, Robt. Gardner, Nich; Tabb,
 Wm. Neil, Thos. Kennedy, In: Richardson, J. Rhoades,
 In: Whitten, Dea. Sharp, Edw; Procter, In: M^r. Lane
 Rich; Humevell, In: Cade, J. Peirce, M^r. Grant
 J. Goodridge, S. Elliot, J. Melvell, In: Humevell, —

Voted, The present members in case the absent one refuse to pay their Club, engage to see the Treasury paid the expence of this evening, —

Voted, Thanks to Thomas Waller Esq; & late Secy. for his past services in that Office; —

Voted, Thanks to Edward Green Secy, for his past services in that Office, and he still be allow; all the Emoluments, Privilege, and Perquisites, arising in that Office, particu; those of finding all the Paper Ink & Quills, at his own expence, for the use of the Association as he has done for 2 or 3 year past;

Voted, to adjourn to Fryday even; 4th Feb^y

Boston, ^{Feb} 17th 1780 ²³

At a full meeting of the association of the free &
independant Whig Society of Observation, met at
the Hall of Justice

Voted Jacob Rhoades Esq; Moderator

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members,
P. Freeman, N. Tabb, W^m M^c Neal, J. Lovering,
G. Sharp, J. Fullerton, E. Porter, J. Lowell,
J. Richardson, J. Ulan, B. White, J. Peirce,
S. Elliot, J. Melwell, John Threland,

Voted to Chuse a committee of nine to meet once a
week till March Meeting, to fix proper Town
Officers for March meeting, y^e follow^g G^ent were
choore viz; Tho^s Waller, Nath^l. Noyce, Benj^a Cdes,
Jⁿ Turnaph, Alia^s Wiloon, Ad^m Colson, W^m Horkins,
Jⁿ Ballard, Christo^s Clark are y^e committee,

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in March

Here ends the first Chapter

Selah Hand the Wine

Boston, March 6th 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the free and
Independant Whig society of Observations met at the
Hall of Justice

Voted John Lowell Esq; moderator

Voted to call the list and record the Absent Members

J. Freeman, R. Gardner, N. Tabb, W^m M^d Neal
B. Eder, J. Rhoades, G. Sharp, D. Ingersoll
R. Wyer, E. Procter, J. Lowell, M^d Lane,
N. Noyce, R. Stunnewell, Alex; Wilson, J. Cade,
S. Buggles, J. Peirce, W^m Hopkins, S. Elliot,
J. Goodridge, John Kneeland,

Voted to adjourn to y; 8th Inst; at 7 O'clock

Boston 8 March 1780

Voted the List of Overseers be putt off to fryday
evening to be conclud; upon at the Green Dragon

Voted to adjourn to fryday evening at the Green Dragon
and from thence to adjourn to y; 12th Inst; on Sunday
evening before the town meeting, at the Hall
of Justice at 6 O'clock in the Evening
and from thence to 3 April next

Selah Hand the Punch,

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Boston April 3. 1780.

At the meeting of the Association of the free & Independent;
Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted Joseph Wrann Esq; Moderator.....

Voted to call the List and record the absent members
J. Freeman, N. Tabb, J. Richardson, G. Sharp,
J. Fullerton, R. Weyer, E. Procter, J. Lowell,
S. Buggles, J. Cade, B. White, J. Peirce,
Wm. Hosking, John Kneeland,.....

Voted Mess; E. Green, M. Grant, J. Melwell, B. Edes
N. Noyce, A. Collson, Jr; Furness, be the
committee to prepare a list of honest men
to serve the town as Representatives,.....

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday eveng; in May

..... Selah Stand the Punch.....

..... Turn Over.....

Boston 2 May 1780

At the meeting of the Association of the free & Independent
Whig society of Observation, mett at the Hall of Justice

Voted Alexander Wilson Esq; Moderator, -----

Voted to call the list and record the Absent Members

J. Ballard, P. Freeman, N. Taleb, W^m M^c Neal,
J. Richardson, J. Rhoades, T. Walley, J. Lovering,
J. Whitten, G. Sharp, R. Wyer, E. Procter,
J. Fullerton, J. F. Richardson, J. M^c Lane,
J. Cade, N. Noyce, R. Hunewell, S. Buggles,
J. Kneeland, B. White, W^m Hopkins, J. Peirce,
J. Goodridge, S. Elliot, Tho^s Melwell, -----

Voted, to Adjourn to the 3 Inst; -----

Boston 3 May 1780

At the meeting upon the Adjournment. -----

Voted the following Gen^l should be Representatives
for the present Year if agreeable to them, viz,

Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq;

Hon^{ble} Sam^l Adams Esq;

Caleb Davis Esq;

Thom^s Walley Esq;

John Lovell Esq;

Sam^l Austin Esq;

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday Evn^g; in June

Boston June 5. 1780

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At the meeting of the Association of the Free & Independent
Whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of
Justice.

Voted, as nothing of consequence was before the
society, and a number of members absent to
adjourn to y^e July at 7 O'clock in the evening

Boston 3 July 1780

At the meeting of the Association of the Free & Independent
Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted as nothing of consequence was before y^e society
and a number of members absent, to adjourn
to the 7th August at 7 O'clock in the evening.

Boston 7 August 1780

At the meeting of the Association of the Free & Independent
Whig society, of Observation met at y^e Hall of Justice,

Voted Samuel Buggles Esq^r Moderator

Voted That M^r Edes be desired to gett his list ready
and make a settlement wth M^r Shed

Voted, to adjourn till y^e next Monday Evening

















